

## FIRE PANIC ON THE RICHARD PECK

Flames Wednesday Morning Did Little Damage, but Caused Much Alarm.

(Special to The Evening World.) NEW LONDON, Conn., March 29.—The Sound steamer Richard Peck, owned by the New England Navigation Company, now running on the Norwich line, between New London and New York, had a fire aboard early Wednesday morning, on her trip from this city to New York, and the passengers aroused from sleep were in a mild panic until calmed by the boat's officers. The damage was slight and did not interfere with the regular schedule of the Peck.

The Peck left New London at 11 o'clock Tuesday evening for New York with a large consignment of freight and a fair complement of passengers. While off Bridgeport, in Long Island Sound, about 2 A. M. Wednesday the ladies' retiring room was discovered ablaze, the ceiling having caught fire, evidently from crossed electric wire, and burning briskly when the alarm was given.

Capt. Hardy soon had several of the officers and crew at their respective fire stations, and while the hose was got into play, hand grenades and fire extinguishers were used against the flames.

The saloon filled with smoke and many of the passengers hurrying from their staterooms would not listen to the assurances of the captain and officers, and ran about shouting, gathering their effects and the majority fastening on life-preservers.

Others rushed to the life crafts, where part of the crew that was not fighting the fire stood ready to lower the small boats.

It took about fifteen minutes to put out the blaze, and the captain and crew were then free to attend to the frightened passengers, who returned to their berths, while the steamer continued the voyage to New York.

Officers aboard the Peck, which returned to New London at 1:30 p. m. this morning, would say nothing of the fire, but passengers who made the trip to New York Tuesday night and returned today, corroborated the story. The Richard Peck is a sister ship to the steamer City of Lowell, which was damaged \$100 by fire early this week at New York when the Plymouth was destroyed.

At the office of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad's steamboat lines in this city to-day it was announced that there was a slight fire on the steamer Richard Peck, while on her way from New London to New York at 2 A. M. Wednesday. The fire started in one of the retiring rooms from an electric light wire and was quickly discovered by a watchman. The watchman unrolled a hose and extinguished the blaze in two minutes. The damage was very slight.

An officer of the line said to-day there was no panic aboard the steamer and that none of the passengers knew of the fire until it was extinguished.

## GOT SUMMONS FOR BOX-OFFICE MAN

Wouldn't Refund Cash and Magistrate Tells Angry Theatre-Goer to Sue.

(Special to The Evening World.) J. S. Shaw, treasurer of the Broadway Theatre, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court this afternoon on a summons sworn out before Magistrate Steinert by Richard A. Monks, of No. 71 Lexington avenue, former Assistant District Attorney. Mr. Monks claimed that he bought tickets from Shaw at the box-office on Monday night for himself, his brother and John K. Erskine, a broker at No. 52 Wall street, paying ten dollars for chairs in a first tier box, after Shaw had told him there were no other good seats left in the downstairs part of the house. An usher, he alleged, showed them to three seats inside a railing just outside one of the balcony boxes.

Mr. Monks protested that these seats were not what he had bought, and the usher sent him back to the box office. Then, he declared, Shaw offered him in exchange four balcony seats, but declined to return the difference between box seats and balcony seats. Mr. Monks refused to accept the exchange.

Magistrate Steinert said he thought the case properly belonged in the civil court. He told Mr. Monks that he believed he would have no trouble in securing a reasonable amount of damages. It is time the extortioners of theatre ticket sellers were checked, he said. They are too good for the habit of deceiving purchasers of tickets.

## ANTHRACITE TRUCE FOR A MONTH LIKELY.

(Special to The Evening World.) WILKES-BARRE, Pa., March 29.—If the mine workers' union decides to declare a thirty-day truce when the present agreement expires, next Saturday, the operators here indicate that they are willing to recognize it. One of them said to-day that unless a strike is ordered the coal companies will continue working just the same as if conditions were normal, and that work will be upon the terms of the existing agreement.

Union officers are confident that the truce will be ordered by President Mitchell, as it will be impossible for the Mine Workers' Scale Committee to make a decisive report on the negotiations with the anthracite operators before the end of the month, and probably not for some time after that. This committee has yet to meet the operators' committee of seven in New York City, discuss the demands in detail, and make a report to the full scale committee of thirty-six. Then a convention of anthracite delegates will have to be called to take final action on the scale committee's report. It will take at least a week to elect and assemble the delegates.

## FIRE DESTROYS DRUG HOUSE.

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 29.—The wholesale Wadsworth-Cameron Drug House was destroyed by fire of unknown origin early to-day. The loss on the building was \$25,000; on stock, \$136,000. The insurance is \$35,000.

## JUSTICE W. K. SMITH DIES IN PATCHOGUE

Death of Member of Supreme Court Bench Due to Kidney Disease.

After an illness of ten days State Supreme Court Justice Wilmot K. Smith died early to-day in his home in Patchogue, L. I. He had been a sufferer from kidney trouble, the disease which killed him, for several years. Justice Smith was fifty-four years old. Since 1895 he had served with distinction on the Supreme Court bench. He was held in the highest esteem and respect by his contemporaries at the bar. He was noted for his wholehearted democracy and untiring courtesy towards all lawyers who had occasion to practice in his court.

A month ago, while sitting in Brooklyn, Judge Smith complained of poor health, but it was not until ten days ago that his malady became serious. Justice Smith was born in Smithtown, L. I., on March 21, 1852. For more than 20 years his ancestors had lived in the neighborhood. His great-grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution. After attending the public schools he was graduated from Cornell University in 1874. He was admitted to the bar in 1877. In 1884 he was elected District Attorney of Suffolk County and was re-elected in 1887, serving in that office until 1890. He was a Suffolk County Judge from 1891 to 1895, and was then elected a Supreme Court Justice.

The Justice was considered one of the ablest members of the Supreme Court Bench in the Second Judicial District. This district comprises ten counties and the duties of the Justice are especially arduous. Justice Smith leaves a widow and three children.

## Everybody Knows What Constipation Is

But Not Everybody Knows What Hunyadi Janos Is

A large proportion of humanity suffer to a greater or less extent from constipation in one form or another. How really there are who do not know the distress, pain and general discomfort resulting from failure of the bowels to move regularly. And does not this suffering seem foolishly unnecessary when we realize it is due simply to ignorance of the proper and simple remedy—HUNYADI JANOS—the great Natural Mineral Laxative Water, not only the most efficacious remedy, but also the most inexpensive. The cost of a large bottle is but a trifle and it contains many doses. One dose is  $\frac{1}{4}$  a tumblerful drunk on arising in the morning. The result is always certain, quick and thorough. A pleasant and natural relief without griping or purging. Try it. At all Druggists.



**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY LAST TWO DAYS of our March RAIN COAT SALE**

**380 New Spring Coats**

half, quarter and full lined, shaped and conservative backs in medium and extra lengths, have been arranged in **TWO** lots at **TWO** prices.

**COATS** of gray mixtures, steel and granite combinations, venetian, medium weight, full and half lined, single and double breasted, all sizes.

**AT \$8.80**

**NEWCASTERFIELD** form-fitting light and dark Tweeds, velvet collars to match also semi-form-fitting coats and loose back coats in medium and extra lengths; all colorings.

**AT \$11.00**

As we don't handle cheap clothes, these prices mean something.

**BROADWAY CORNER CHAMBERS ST.**

## Bargain Friday

## Men's Clothing—Popular Prices.

Almost every store maintains the prices we mention to-day—but not on garments like ours—not by many degrees of quality or style.

**\$8.75**

Men's Sack Coats, Men's Top Coats, Men's Rain Coats.

Eight seventy-five is a small amount to invest in clothes. It buys a great deal of quality and style at Bloomingdale's—very much more than any one else will offer. Every garment is perfect in every detail of fit, finish and workmanship.

Every size is here and in all sorts of desirable materials. We guarantee the garments to be right. If you don't think so after you get your purchase home bring it back and we'll promptly refund the

**\$8.75**

At \$6.95 Young Men's Suits, Swagger styles that make the 15 to 19 year old feel more manly.

At \$2.95, Russian and Sailor Suits, in mixed fabrics; sailor collar and tie; 3 to 7 year sizes.

At \$3.95, Russian and Sailor Suits, for 4 to 10 year olds—made of serge and mixed fabrics.

**\$12.95**

Men's Sack Suits, Men's Top Coats, Men's Rain Coats.

There's an element of style to these twelve ninety-five garments that you might reasonably expect to find in clothing at twenty dollars.

And as to quality and workmanship—that's just as good as you will find in the clothes a merchant tailor would make to your measure for double this price of ours.

The fit is perfect. No tailor could give you greater satisfaction in the garments he would make for you than will these that are all ready for you to wear. All you pay is

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At \$10.95, Young Men's Suits, Very fashionable, finely made, single and double-breasted suits, 16 to 20 year sizes.

At \$4.95, Norfolk and Double Breasted Suits, in a large variety of Scotch mixtures, serges and cassimeres, 7 to 16 year sizes.

At \$2.95, Spring Overcoats, 3 to 14 year old sizes. Made of splendid materials. Excellent styles. Bloomingdale's, 2d Floor, 60th St. Section.

## The "Novent" Petticoat.

The petticoat that deservedly gained instant popularity among women who know how to dress well.

A sensible, practical petticoat—with a close-fitting Jersey cloth top, which banishes all suggestions of fulness, humps or lumps; a petticoat that emphasizes the grace of your figure.

At 98c—The "Novent" Petticoat has black mercerized saten pleating, finished with small ruffles.

At \$1.49—The "Novent" Petticoat has deep flounce, trimmed with rows of shirring of mercerized saten.

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At \$2.49—The "Novent" Petticoat has deep flounces of black and colored "Heatherbloom" taffeta, made with sectional flare flounce.

At \$4.98—The "Novent" Petticoat is made in same style as above, with black taffeta silk ruffles. Bloomingdale's, 2d Fl., 60th St. Section.

## Nourishing Brews, Wines, Etc.

Old Jordan Kentucky Whiskey, bottled in bond, under the strict supervision of the United States Government, which guarantees both purity and quality. A mellow, delicate, rich whiskey. A regular \$1.25 bottle for

**88c**

**IMPORTED SHERRIES** at less than half the prices prevailing elsewhere, as follows:

**FINE OLD DELICIOUS**—From Rudolph Noetzel & Co., Cal. 48c

**VINO DE PASTO**—From R. C. Iverson & Co., Jerez, Spain; excellent character; quite 99c

**ANONILLADO**—From R. C. Iverson & Co., Jerez, Spain; de 99c

**OLOROSO**—From R. C. Iverson & Co., Jerez, Spain; very rich 99c

**AND NUTTY**; large bottle. 99c

**KUMMEL**, best domestic, quart 55c

**AT \$1.00**

**Women's Gloves—Savings.** Women's \$1.00 Pure Silk Gloves, 20 inches long; not more than 3 pairs to a customer at 69c

Women's \$1.50 Elbow-Length Pure Silk Mousquetaire Gloves, double finger tipped... 93c

Women's Lisle Thread Gloves, 2-clasp, in black and white, all sizes, at the astonishingly low price of 15c

Bloomingdale's, Main Floor, 50th St. Section.

## The Best Umbrella in the World at \$1

Including the "RAINPROOF" "WEARWELL" and "IRON-CLAD," made of piece-dyed American Taffeta with silk tape edge, automatic runner and case and tassel to match. They are tight roll umbrellas and comprise a choice assortment of pearl and silver plate, pearl and horn, Arabian horn, fine boxwood, Weichsel, trimmed stag horn handles; all sizes for men, women and children. The best Umbrella in the world for \$1.00. Bloomingdale's, Main Floor, 50th St. Section.

## Men's 75c Balbriggan Underwear, 29c

Slightly soiled, therefore the sharp reduction. The Shirts have French neck bands and the Drawers have double seats and suspender tape. Bloomingdale's, Main Floor, 60th St. Section.

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**Coupon.**

The most extraordinary value in history. Upon presentation of this coupon we will sell you a pair of

**Women's Sheer Gauze Lisle Thread Stockings**

**Worth 44c. a pair, At 19c**

with garter tops and double soles, in the strictly fast Hemsford dye. Not more than 6 pairs to a customer. None sold at this price without this coupon. Bloomingdale's, W. Main Floor, 50th St. Section.

**Coupon.**

Upon presentation of this coupon tomorrow we will sell you a beautiful

**\$6.00**

**Italian Model Mandolin for \$2.95**

21 ribs, solid mahogany rim, pearl inlaid butterfly, pearl position dots. Sold by exclusive dealer at \$10 and \$12; none sold at this price without this coupon. Bloomingdale's, 2d Floor, 60th St. Section.

**450 Batiste Waists.**

A fair exchange would be \$3 for any Waist in the lot, but if you hurry to Bloomingdale's you may have one for..... **\$1.98**

Every manufacturer knows about our enormous outlet, and knows that we do not balk at any quantity, if quality is right.

The maker of these particular batiste Waists overproduced, came to us, and for ready money parted with the immense lot for very much less than the real worth of the Waists.

The batiste is a splendid quality, and the style of the waist is faithfully portrayed in the picture. The front is very tastefully trimmed with German Val. insertion, batiste medallion and cluster tucks. The entire back is very neatly tucked. The short sleeves and collar are made of German Val. lace, button back, sizes 34 to 46, and instead of \$3, only..... **\$1.98**

Bloomingdale's, Second Floor, 50th St. Section.

**Women's Eiderdown Dressing Sacques.**

**\$1.75, \$2, \$3 and \$3.98 garments, at the one final closing 99c**

There are a good many different styles included, and we would rather take one sharp, decisive cut right now than carry a single one of the garments to next season. You can do that better than we can.

These kimono and dressing sacques are made of ripple eiderdown, in the very prettiest styles so far evolved—some have round, others square or pointed collars, trimmed with satin or heavily pleated, full front, silk frogs and full sleeves, with turn-over cuffs.

We cannot fill mail or phone orders. Bloomingdale's, Second Floor, 50th St. Section.

**Wall Papers at Less Than Cost to Make**

All our 5c. Paper now..... 2c. a roll All our 14c. Paper now..... 7c. a roll All our 8c. Paper now..... 4c. a roll All our 25c. Paper now..... 12c. a roll

**Rooms Papered—including side wall and border for..... \$2.50**

Estimates given on all interior decorations. Send postal and our representative will call with samples. Bloomingdale's, 3d Floor.

**\$1.50 Eyeglasses & Spectacles 50c**

Pure white crystal lenses in skeleton style, with nickel, silver or gold alloy nose pieces, patent nose rest and clip. Spectacles with nickel-plated nose piece, in straight or riding bow.

Free! With each pair of eyeglasses and spectacles we will give free during this sale an eyeglass book, silk eyeglass cord and a case. Bloomingdale's, Main Floor, Front Centre.

**The Best Watch ever offered for \$5.00**

in a Special Sale at Bloomingdale's To-Morrow.

IT IS AN ACCURATE TIME-KEEPER, an extra thin model, in gold-filled or gun-metal case. The most fashionable design and size, WITH YOUR MONOGRAM ENGRAVED IN THE NEW RUBON LETTERS without extra charge.

A CLEAR, OPEN-FACE DIAL, fitted with full seven-jewelled, nickel-plated American movement. As good a timekeeper as any watch can be, and the price is only..... **\$5**

Bloomingdale's, Main Floor, Front Centre.

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**Greatest Bargain Ever Offered.**

Upon presentation of this coupon we will sell you a fashionable

**\$2.00 Hand Bag for 69c**

The bags are made of fine seal grain and other fancy leathers, in the most popular shapes, 8 to 10 inches long and 4 to 6 inches deep; leather covered and fancy riveted frames, Vienna handles, with gold-plated lock and fitted with purse. None at this price without coupon. Bloomingdale's, Main Fl., 50th St. Section.

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## TIME TO PURIFY YOUR BLOOD

Spring is nature's time for renewing and changing; everything puts on new life, the sap rises in vegetation, the earth thaws out from its Winter freezes and all respond to Spring's call to purge and purify themselves. The change in the vegetable kingdom is no greater than the change which takes place in our physical systems at this season, and few undergo it without evidence of disorder.

During the Winter months we live a shut-in life as much as possible, breathing the impure air of closed rooms and heated buildings; we indulge our appetites eating more of the heavier, richer foods, and take less exercise. As a result the blood grows thick and sluggish, the members whose duty it is to carry off the refuse of the body get dull and inactive from the lack of exercise, etc., and leave the waste matter in the system to sour and form impurities and acids which are taken up by the blood and distributed through its circulation. Then as warmer weather comes on and we change our mode of living, the blood is aroused from its torpid state and stirred to quicker action and begins to throw off these accumulations, causing Boils, Eczema, Tetter, Acne, rashes, pimples, scaly eruptions and itching, burning skin diseases of various kinds.

In its efforts to rid the system of these accumulated poisons, the blood calls upon every member to assist, but the system is often unequal to the struggle; the energies give way, the appetite grows fickle, the spirits are depressed and a general run-down condition is the result. To others the return of Spring means the return of disease, for warmer weather is sure to force out the seeds and poisons of old chronic troubles which have, perhaps, lain dormant in the system during the Winter months.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO PURIFY YOUR BLOOD.** Nature must be assisted, and if we wish to pass this trying period of the year free from disorders and disease we must have our blood in good condition. S. S. S. is nature's remedy, being made from the roots, herbs and barks of the forests and fields, and has long been recognized as the "King of Blood Purifiers" and the greatest of all tonics. It goes down into the circulation and removes gently but thoroughly every particle of impurity or humor that may be there, restores lost energy, builds up the appetite, and steadily and pleasantly tones up the entire system by its fine purifying and tonic effects. S. S. S. neutralizes any excess of acid in the blood, making it fresh and pure, and cures Eczema, Tetter, Acne and all skin eruptions and diseases promptly and permanently. It adds to the blood the rich, healthful properties it is in need of, and in every way prepares the system for the change from Winter to Spring. S. S. S. cures Rheumatism, Catarrh, Sores and Ulcers, Contagious Blood Poison, and any and all diseases arising from an impure or poisoned state of the blood, and so thoroughly does it eradicate the cause that no signs of the trouble are ever seen in after years. S. S. S. is not an experiment but a success, and during its forty years of existence it has so thoroughly proven its worth that it is now the most widely known and used blood purifier on the market. One great point in its favor is that it does not contain the slightest trace of mineral to damage any of the delicate parts of the system which are naturally upset and somewhat deranged at this season. If you have any evidences of a weak or impure condition of the blood begin the use of S. S. S. and get the system prepared for the depressing Summer months which are to follow. Rook on the blood and medical advice free.

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